

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank Examiner Kim for orally approving entry and consideration to the above corrective amendment which supplements the Amendment filed November 13, 2009.

Applicants' remarks appear beginning at page 8 of the paper filed November 13, 2009, and are respectfully repeated by reference. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider such remarks in conjunction with the amended claims.

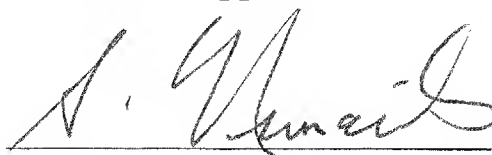
That the bioabsorbable synthetic non-woven needle-punched polyglycolic acid fabric of the present invention is elastic, as previously recited in claim 40, is well supported at a number of places in Applicants' specification, including page 5, line 22; page 6, line 15; page 9, line 15.

Applicants now await the results of a further examination on the merits.

If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 628-5197.

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